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For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING
STRENGTH DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is

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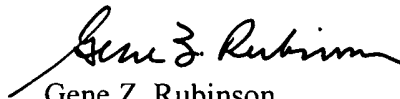
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The relevance of JP 2001-315006 A, is discussed in the present specification.

Please note that US Application No. 10/587,178, filed on July 25, 2006, is related to the present application. The front page of the corresponding published international application is attached for the examiner's information.

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